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Sergeant Major Bryan L. Elder Senior Noncommissioned Officer, 840th Transportation Battalion

Sergeant Major Bryan L. Elder enlisted into the Army July 7, 1987. He attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Dix, N.J., and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Belvoir, Va., where he was trained as a power generator equipment repairer.

His military assignments as a generator repairer included A Company, 24th Signal Battalion, Fort Stewart, Ga., Service Battery, 1st/4th Field Artillery, Camp Pelham, Korea; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 610th Ordnance Company, Fort Belvoir, Va.; 2nd Forward Support Battalion, Camp Hovey, Korea; and the 183rd Maintenance Company, 68th Corps Support Battalion, Fort Carson, Colo.

In January 1995, he changed his military occupational specialty to motor transport operator, and was assigned to the 360th Transportation Company, 68th Corps Support Battalion, Fort Carson, Colo. In January 1999, he was selected to attend Drill Sergeant School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He was assigned as a Basic Training drill sergeant, senior drill sergeant in the 1st/28th Infantry Battalion and a drill sergeant leader at the United States Army Drill Sergeant School, Fort Jackson, S.C. In September 2002, he was assigned to the 69th Transportation Company, 28th Transportation Battalion where he served as a platoon sergeant, truck master, and first sergeant. He also served as the battalion operations sergeant and rear detachment sergeant major for the 28th Transportation Battalion, Mannheim, Germany.

His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (7 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (9 Oak Leaf Clusters), Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (4), Air Assault, Drill Sergeant and Combat Action Badges.

His military and civilian education include Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Courses, Air Assault School, Master Fitness Course, Instructor Training Course, Magic Mast Course C9 (Patriot Missile Power System), Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, Drill Sergeant School, First Sergeant Course and the Sergeants Major Academy. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Remington College of Colorado Springs, and a Masters of Arts degree in leadership studies from the University of Texas at El Paso. He is a member of The Sergeant Morales Club and the recipient of the Military Order of Saint Christopher.



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